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Wild Horses and Burros Adopted in Yakima Over Weekend

Fifty nine of the 100 wild horses and all 24 wild burros available for adoption at the Yakima fairgrounds this past weekend found new homes. The Bureau of Land Management hosted the adoption event, along with training and information presentations that attracted about 350 people per session. Most of the horses were adopted for the minimum bid of \$125. The highest bid animal was a gelding at \$475. The highest bid burro was a jenny for \$250.

Wild Horse and Burro Specialist Rick McComas of the Spokane BLM office said, "The adoption in Yakima was the first in several years and we were pleased with the community response."

McComas says people who missed the Yakima adoption have another opportunity to adopt a wild horse or burro in Washington state on July 20-21 in Longview. Adoptions are also available through the Burns, Oregon BLM office by appointment by calling (541) 573-4400. For additional information about the Longview adoption, contact the Spokane BLM office at 1-800-997-2022 or check their website at www.or.blm.gov/spokane. There is also a national toll free number for the Adopt-A-Wild-Horse-Or-Burro Program at 1-866-4MUSTANGS.